

**Declaration and Power of Attorney**

As the below name inventor, I hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below.

I believe we are the original inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **System, Method and Software for Creating or Maintaining Distributed Transparent Persistence of Complex Data Objects and Their Data Relationships** the specification of which:

was filed on January 17, 2002

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).*

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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<u>Application Serial Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status (Patented, Pending, Abandoned)</u>
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Application for United States Patent

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